

**RULES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, CHATTANOOGA**

**CHAPTER 1720-02-03
TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS**

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1720-02-03-.01 INTRODUCTION.

- (1) The purpose of these regulations is to facilitate the safe and orderly operation of University business and to provide parking facilities for this operation within the limits of available space.
- (2) The Departments of Parking Services and Campus Law Enforcement are responsible for implementation and enforcement of these regulations.
- (3) Any person operating a motor vehicle on the University campus is required to obey these regulations as a condition to parking or operating the vehicle on the campus.
- (4) The responsibility for locating legal parking space rests with the operator of the motor vehicle. Lack of space will not be considered a valid excuse for violating any parking regulations.
- (5) The University shall have no responsibility for loss or damage to any vehicle or its contents operated or parked on The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Campus or on lots leased by The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Authority: T.C.A. § 49-9-209(e), Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 15, 1976; effective October 15, 1976. Amendment filed August 22, 1980; effective December 1, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed November 17, 2008; effective March 30, 2009.

1720-02-03-.02 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

- (1) All motor vehicles, including motorcycles, parked on U.T.C. property between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on lots leased by U.T.C. must have current U.T.C. decal/disks and be registered with the University.
- (2) Decals/disks will be sold at registration, and after registration, at Parking Services.
- (3) The decal/disk must be hung on the rear view mirror of the vehicle.
- (4) Expired decals/disks should be removed (or covered) so that only the current decal/disk is displayed.
- (5) Decals/disks must be renewed each Fall semester.

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- (a) General Parking: Decals/disks must be renewed at the beginning of each Fall semester and will be valid until the beginning of the following Fall semester so long as the registrant remains a student or a University employee. This vehicle may be parked in any General lot.
 - (b) Reserved Parking: Decals/disks must be renewed at the beginning of each Fall semester and will be valid until the beginning of the following Fall semester so long as the registrant remains a student or a University employee. This vehicle may be parked in any General lot.
- (6) The person to whom a vehicle is registered is responsible for the vehicle and all violation citations issued thereto. If the person operating the vehicle is other than the registrant when a violation is committed, both the operator and the registrant may be cited.

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1720-02-03-.03 REPLACEMENT OF DECALS.

- (1) A new decal/disk will be issued at no cost for a newly acquired vehicle which replaces a currently registered vehicle upon presentation of the original decal/disk to the cashier at Parking Services.
- (2) If it is necessary for you to drive a car other than your registered vehicle, the transferable decal/disk must be placed on rearview mirror of replacement vehicle.
- (3) Lost or stolen decal/disk will be replaced for \$2.00 upon proof of loss. Only one replacement decal may be obtained at the \$2.00 charge during the academic year. If additional replacement decals are required during the academic year the charge will be the current decal price.

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1720-02-03-.04 VEHICLE OPERATION.

- (1) All persons operating a vehicle on University property or in the campus area, which includes City streets running through University property, must be properly licensed operators.
- (2) Pedestrians have the right-of-way at established pedestrian crossings, except where regulated by traffic control lights or police officers.

(Rule 1720-02-03-.04, continued)

- (3) Under normal conditions the maximum speed limit on campus streets is 15 MPH and 30 MPH on the City streets. However, vehicles may not be operated at any speed which is excessive for the conditions which may exist as a result of weather, traffic congestion, pedestrians, etc.
- (4) Traffic control signs, devices, and directions of police officers must be obeyed.
- (5) All persons operating vehicles are responsible for maintaining control of the vehicle, safe operation, and observance of traffic control signs, barriers and devices.
- (6) Operating a motor vehicle in any area other than a street or roadway intended for motor vehicle is prohibited.
- (7) All accidents must be reported to the University Police immediately (755-4357). All vehicle break-ins or incidents should be reported immediately.

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1720-02-03-.05 VIOLATIONS. The following examples constitute violations of these regulations:

- (1) Parking Permits
 - (a) No current decal/disk (parking permit).
 - (b) Current decal/disk not visible in vehicle (not affixed to vehicle).
 - (c) Unauthorized possession of decal/disk.
 - (d) Falsification of decal registration information.
 - (e) Illegal use, reproduction or alteration of decal/disk and/or parking permit.
 - (f) Tampering with wheel-lock.
- (2) Other Parking Violations/Overtime Metered Space.
 - (a) In no-parking or loading zones or unmarked spaces.
 - (b) In unauthorized area.
 - (c) Overtime parking in metered space. (Even vehicles with UTC decals/disks when parking metered areas.)
 - (d) Tampering with wheel-lock.
 - (e) Disability parking violation, as defined by State law (e.g., an unauthorized use of a disabled parking space, ramp, plate, or placard; parking a vehicle so that a portion of the vehicle encroaches into a disabled parking space in a manner which restricts, or reasonably could restrict, a person confined to a wheelchair from exiting or entering a vehicle properly parked within the disabled parking space).
- (3) Moving

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- (a) Exceeding posted speed limit.
 - (b) Excessive speed for existing conditions.
 - (c) Failure to obey traffic control signal or sign.
 - (d) Failure to obey police officer.
 - (e) Operating vehicle without valid operator's license.
 - (f) Driving off roadway or street.
 - (g) Reckless driving and/or street.
 - (h) Failure to yield right-of-way at pedestrian crossing.
 - (i) Leaving scene of accident by participant.
 - (j) Failure to signal turn or stop.
 - (k) Wrong way on one-way street.
 - (l) Following too closely.
 - (m) Operating mechanically unsafe vehicle.
 - (n) Driving while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.
 - (o) Operating vehicle causing loud, or unnecessary noise, such as loud mufflers, horns, P.A. systems, etc.
- (4) Motorcycle Parking
- (a) All cycles must have parking decals/disks.
 - (b) No motorcycle may be driven within the confines of a housing perimeter. They must be walked.
 - (c) Motorcycles are to traverse hard surface areas only, not grassy areas.
 - (d) All motor cycles are to be parked on hard surfaces, not on the grass or soil.
 - (e) Motor cycles are not to block stairways, sidewalks, or pedestrian access.
 - (f) Motorcycles should not be the occasion for the clutter and debris on the property.
- (5) Impounded Vehicle/Towed Vehicle.
- (a) The University may tow without advance notice those vehicles parked in a fire lane, designated disabled parking space, spaces reserved for designated vehicles or in such a manner as to impede the flow of traffic or disrupt the orderly affairs of the University.
 - (b) If a vehicle has unpaid parking citations the University may impound/tow the vehicle, if advance notice and opportunity to contest have been given. Windshield notices and/or

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other methods of notification will be used to provide the operator of the vehicle with advance notice of out intent to tow and the operator's right to a hearing.

(6) Fire Lane and Obstruction

- (a) Blocking or obstructing traffic, street, sidewalk, driveway, fire hydrant, building entrance or exit, another vehicle or fire lane.

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1720-02-03-.06 ENFORCEMENT.

- (1) University violation citations must be answered at Parking Services within 72 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays) after issuance, except that staff citations may be answered within 72 hours by mail or in person to Parking Services.
- (2) City citations must be answered as indicated on the citation.
- (3) A vehicle parked in a manner which blocks a fire zone, emergency exit, flow of traffic, designated disabled parking space, spaces reserved for designated vehicles, or otherwise poses a danger or disrupts the orderly affairs of the University may be impounded, immobilized, or towed.
 - (a) The owner of the above vehicle will be afforded a hearing by a University official prior to the assessment of any tow charges, fines, or penalties.
 - (b) If penalties are assessed after such hearing, impounded, towed or immobilized vehicles will be released upon proper identification and receipt for payment of all appropriate fines and penalties (see below).
- (4) A vehicle which has accumulated \$50.00 or more in traffic citations may be impounded or immobilized or towed if the owner of such vehicle has received advance notice and the opportunity to contest has been given. Windshield notices and/or methods of notification will be used to provide the operator of the vehicle with advance notice of intent to tow and the operator's right to a hearing. In the event the owner does not request a hearing or prevail at the hearing, his vehicle will be towed, wheel-locked or impounded whenever it is next found upon the University property whether parked legally or illegally.

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1720-02-03-.07 PENALTIES.

- (1) Violation Fines - Staff, Students and Visitors. All violation fines will be paid at Parking Services or the Bursar's Office.
 - (a) No parking permit \$25.00
 - (b) Other parking violations \$25.00
 - (c) Overtime on meter \$8.00
 - (d) Moving violations \$25.00
 - (e) Immobilized vehicles \$25.00 plus other fees owed
 - (f) Impounded Vehicle/Towed Vehicles Amount of fine plus costs
 - (g) Disability Parking Violation \$200.00
The fine for a disability parking violation is set by State law, Tennessee Code Annotated section 55-21-108. As of July 1, 2008, the fine was set at \$200. The fine imposed under these regulations will increase or decrease automatically when increased or decreased by State law. The fine shall not be suspended or waived.
 - (h) Fire Lane/Obstruction \$40.00
- (2) Other Penalties - Students.
 - (a) Students who fail to pay violation fines or penalties will not be permitted to register for course work, to continue as a student, to receive credit, to receive a degree, or to obtain a transcript until the fines or penalties are paid.
 - (b) A staff member who persists in violating these regulations or fails to answer a citation will be reported to his department head and/or penalties may be collected through payroll deduction as specified in University Personnel Policies.
 - (c) Repeated violation of parking regulations will be grounds for towing away, impoundment or immobilization in accordance with regulations under enforcement.
 - (d) Students who persist in violating these regulations or commit a single violation under extreme circumstances will be referred to the Dean of Students office for disciplinary action which may lead to suspension or dismissal from the University.
 - (e) Once automobile owner has accumulated \$50.00 of unpaid fines, his car, if found parked upon University property or lots leased by the University, will be wheel-locked or towed in accordance with regulations under ENFORCEMENT.
 - (f) Any individual (student, faculty or staff) with outstanding traffic citations will not be allowed to register a vehicle, renew their parking permit or purchase a parking permit until indebtedness is cleared.
 - (g) In addition to the fine imposed for a disability parking violation, not more than five (5) hours of community service work may be imposed. Any community service work requirements imposed shall be to assist the disabled community by monitoring disabled parking spaces, providing assistance to disability centers or to disabled veterans, or other such purposes.

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1720-02-03-.08 APPEALS.

- (1) The Student Conduct Board will handle all student appeals.
- (2) Student may appeal a violation citation within 10 class days of issuance by making application for appeal when answering the citation through forms furnished by the Parking Services.
- (3) Students may request that their appeals be heard by the Student Conduct Board without their being present at the Board's meeting. Failure to appear without advance notice will result in the case being considered in the student's absence and the decision of the board will be binding.
- (4) Staff and visitors appeal a violation citation through appropriate administrative channels.
- (5) No appeals may be made through Campus Law Enforcement.
- (6) Anyone failing to appeal within ten class days of issuance of citation loses the right to appeal.

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1720-02-03-.09 RESTRICTIONS. University streets or grounds may not be used by any firm, corporation or person for advertising or commercial purposes.

Authority: Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 15, 1976; effective October 15, 1976. Repeal and new rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986.

1720-02-03-.10 SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND EMERGENCIES. On special occasions, for example: athletic events, concerts, graduation exercises, etc., and in emergencies, parking and traffic limitation may be imposed by the Departments of Parking Services and Campus Law Enforcement as required by the conditions which prevail.

Authority: T.C.A. § 49-9-209(e), Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 15, 1976; effective October 15, 1976. Repeal and new rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed November 17, 2008; effective March 30, 2009.

1720-02-03-.11 PEDESTRIAN REGULATIONS.

- (1) Students and staff members must not endanger their safety or constitute an unreasonable impediment to lawful vehicular traffic by crossing streets at other than authorized lanes or by willfully walking or congregating in the streets.
- (2) All personnel are expected to avoid walking across lawns or against traffic signs.
- (3) Violations of these regulations will be cited through appropriate channels for disciplinary action.

Authority: Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, chapter 64. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed September 15, 1976; effective October 15, 1976. Amendment filed August 23, 1980; effective December 1, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986.

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